

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 21-27, 31-33, 36-38, 40-43, and 46 will be pending. Claims 1-20, 28-30, 34-35, 39, and 44-45 have been canceled. Claims 21, 23-25, 31-33, 36-38, 40, 43, and 46 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of the claim(s) from which they previously depended. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states, “[c]laims 21-27, 31-33, 35-43, and 46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims” (Office action at page 8).

As noted above claims 21, 23-25, 31-33, 36-38, 40, 43, and 46 – all of which were only objected to – have been amended as directed. The remaining pending claims (claims 22, 26, 27, 41, and 42) did not require amendment, as they depend only from a claim that was only objected to. “Objected to” claims 35 and 39 were canceled. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any concerns about the present amendment, the favor of a telephone call to the undersigned is requested.

New Grounds for Rejection

For the sake of completeness, Applicants note that the claims rejected under 35 USC §§ 112 and 102 in the Office action dated February 27, 2006, have been canceled. Accordingly, these grounds for rejection are now moot and should be withdrawn.


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Enclosed is a \$510 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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